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A PERSONAL NOTE: If anyone wants information in HA, please email me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else...**I use Pay Pal.** If any of you wish to pay for anything including HA or the Ultimate History, you may. Please add \$.75 to \$15 for HA to cover my costs on Pay Pal. HA would be \$15.75. Check with me for costs for other items. My email address for Pay Pal is <jayhick@aol.com>.

SECOND REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

The First Supplement to the 2nd Revised Ultimate History is now available for \$6.50 including P&H. Also the 5th supplement to the Necrology is available for \$1.00

The 2001 “2nd Revised Ultimate History” with the first supplement is now available. The cost is \$51 plus \$4. Please send information for the second supplement when you can, the earlier the better. I will need the information by October 1, 2003.

CONVENTION 2003: Dates are Oct 23 – 26, 2003 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ. Our web site will keep you up to date.

CONVENTION 2002: 2002 Convention booklets are available for \$2.50 including P&H. There are many guests bios and pictures. 2002 pens are available for \$1.00 including P&H. 2001 pens are available for \$1.00 each including P&H. Special 25th Anniversary small desk clocks are available for \$5 including P&H. Past Convention Booklets are \$2.50 each including P&H.

All of the sessions were video recorded by Satellite Media Production. You may order them as a complete set or by individual sessions. Please contact Fred Berney at Satellite Media Production, P.O. Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793-0638. Phone 800-747-0856. Email: berney@fred.net

Friends of Old-Time Radio Script Contest

The 11th annual script writing contest is now open. This year your half-hour script must be based on the CBS program "You Are There" (1948-50). It assumes that radio was present during great historical moments of the past and CBS reporters are there to witness it and interview participants. (Examples: Columbus sails to the New World, Julius Caesar assassinated, Betsy Ross sews first American flag, Gold discovered at Sutter's Mill, etc.) There's an intro from the studio, then we go to the scene. No commercials as it was a sustaining show.

This can be either drama or comedy, whatever your bent. But please, no spoofs with Jack Benny, Abbott and Costello. That didn't work last time. The script must be ready to produce - type double spaced, large enough for actors to read, all sound cues included (probably no music in this one). Try to keep cast to ten or less, although some actors can double in smaller parts. Obviously, some historical research will be necessary. For further guide re "You Are There" see John Dunning's "On the Air -The Encyclopedia of Old Time Radio".

First prize in the contest is \$200, and the script will be performed live at our 2004 convention. Second prize winner, which will not be performed, is \$100.

Scripts must be submitted by August 31, 2003 to Dave Zwengler, 319 Plymouth Road, North

Brunswick NJ 08902 (732 - 0940 - 7639). Three experienced judges will pick the winning scripts and detailed suggestions for improvements will be sent to non-winners. If you want a primer on preferred page format, send SASE to Mr. Zwengler.

This year's winner, "Maitland at Large" by Jim Cort, will be performed at our October convention.

Miriam Hipp and others are exploring the possibility of holding an OTR convention in the Atlanta or Birmingham area, maybe in the spring of 2004. Let her know of your interest as an attendee or a dealer. Contact her at Box 550241, Birmingham, AL 35255 or <radthea@hotmail.com>

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, email me for it and I will email it to you. If you don't have email, please send me a SASE for it...**Chattanooga Airwaves**, Jan - Feb; articles about Kate Smith; Amos 'n' Andy. This is the 10th year for the Chattanooga Old-time Radio Club...**Radio Recall**, Feb; articles about Martin and Lewis; Gangbusters...**Illustrated Press**, Feb; article about Jack Benny...Mar; article about Amos 'n' Andy...**Return with us Now**, Feb; article about One Man's Family...Mar; article about Janet Waldo...**Tradition**, Jan-Feb; articles about Harry McClintock; Grandpa Jones; Bill Monroe; Slim Bryant; Civil War Music...**Jot 'em Down Journal**, Feb; articles about Parley Baer; Rosemary LaPlanche...**Radiogram**, Feb; articles about Richard Crenna; Don Stanley; Robert Rockwell; Rexall Square; Charles Michelson...mar; articles about Joe Connelly; Larry LeSueur; Elmira Little Theater...**Nostalgia Digest**, Spring; articles about Les Tremayne; Ozzie and Harriet; FBI in Peace and War; Joan Crawford; border stations; Milton Berle; searching for lost transcriptions; Fred Foy...**Air Check**, Feb; articles about Parley Baer and Lawrence Dobkin...**NARA News**, Spring; articles about Recording OTR on CD's; Doc Savage

BOOKS: (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>). **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571...**Hollywood Songsters** is 3-volume biographical dictionary, written by James Robert Parish and Michael Pitts in 2003, is well worth the \$275. It has a total of 930 pages with illustrations. It covers 112 singers who act and actors who sing and covers their radio and television careers. It also has, as well as a Filmography, CD and LP discographies. If interested contact Taylor and Francis/Routledge at 1-800-634-7064 or write them at 7626 Empire Dr., Florence, KY 41042 (Home of Bob Burchett)...**Invisible Stars, a Social History of Women in American Broadcasting** by Donna Halper; M E Sharpe, publisher (1-800-541-6563; 1-914-273-1800; \$24.95; 344 pages with photographs; documents the countless contributions made by women in the radio field since its earliest days.

CONVENTIONS:

17th Annual OTR and Nostalgia Convention, April 11 - 12, 2003; Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (859) 282-0333.<haradio@hotmail.com>

15TH RADIO CLASSICS LIVE! May 3-4, 2003 Massasoit Community College - Buckley Center, Brockton, MA; Contact: Buckley Center Box Office, 1 Massasoit Blvd., Brockton, MA 02302 (508) 427-1234. Web Site: www.radioclassicslive.org

National Audio Theater Festival, June 14 - 20, 2003, Southwest Missouri State University, West Plains, MO; For information call Sue Zizza, 115 Dikeman St., Hempstead, NY 11550 (516) 483-8321 <Suemedia1@aol.com> or visit their web site <www.natf.org>. **They also have a script contest.**

REPS Radio Showcase XI, June 26 - 29, 2003 at the Seattle Center, Seattle Washington. Contact Mike Sprague, Box 723, Bothell, WA 98041 (425) 488-9518 <HRRMIKES@aol.com>

28th Old-time Country Music Contest and Festival, Aug 25 - 31, 2003 at Harison County Fairgrounds in Missouri Valley, Iowa. For information contact Bob Everhart at Box 492, Walnut, IA 51577 (712) 762-4363 <bobeverhart@yahoo.com>.

28th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 23 - 26 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887

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THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>...

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <old-time.com>...**Jim Widner** <otr.com> (Radio Days)...**Metro Golden Memories** <mgmemoires.com>... **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com/>...**Ted Kneebone** <geocities.com/tkneebone1>...**Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html>...**John Cooper** <angelfire.com/wv/otrmagic/index.html> ...**Australian Film and Sound** <Screensound.gov.au>...**Owens Pomeroy (Golden Radio Buffs)** (not www) <members.aol.com/grbmd>.. **OTR Digest** <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>...**Jack Benny Fan Club** <Jackbenny.org>...**Radio Broadcast Chronicles** <gna.net/tia>...**Tom Heathwood** <HeritageRadio.com>... **First Generation Archives** <radioarchives.org> (Free subscription) <<http://www.radioarchives.org/newsletter.asp>>...**Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound** <reponline.org>...**Terry Salomonson** <audio-classic.com> <digitalotr.com>...The OTR Club now has a web page at <<http://www2.pcom.net/robmcd/otrbuffalo/>> ...**Doug Kosmonek** <<http://members.shaw.ca/douglasosmonek>>...new email is <douglasosmonek@shaw.ca>...**Radio Spirits** <radiospirits.com>...The MWOTRC web site is now operational and can be accessed either by www.mwotrc.com or www.readiorecall.com...**Radio Memories (NEW)** www.radiomemoires.com.

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352...**Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com> ...**Roger Hill's "Nothing's New"** 711 San Mateo Ave., San Bruno, CA 94066 (650) 871-6063...**Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 3257, Milford, CT 06460 (203-783-1923); also 1-866-783-1923; <andy@vintagebroadcasts.com>...**Radio Memories** (Ted Davenport), 1600 Wewoka St., North Little Rock, AR 72116 (501) 835-0465 <Tedotr@aol.com> (WEB) www.radiomemoires.com...**Great American Radio (GAR)** (Garry Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437...**Bequaert Old Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <www.beqbooks.com>; send 2 34-cents stamps for a catalog of books and magazines on OTR...**Metro Golden Memories**, 5414 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60641 (1-800-538-6675)...**AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776)...**Radio Spirits**, Box 3107, Wallingford, CT 06492 (1-800-833-4248)...**Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073...**SPERDVAC Library** (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409)...**John Barber**, box 72273., New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 586-1931 <jbarber@gno.lib.la.us>... **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin245@aol.com>...**John Cooper** Rt 1 Box 371, Clarksburg, WV 26301 <Mysto99@aol.com>...**Satellite Video Production** (Fred Berney) Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net>...**BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 158, Dearborn, MI 48127 <platecap@brcradio.com> <www.brcradio.com>...**Hello Again Radio** (Bob Burchett), 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042...**Audio Classic Archive** (Terry Salomonson), Box 347, Howell, MI 48844 <audio-classic.com>...**Lodestone** (Richard Fish), 611 Empire Mill Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401; 1-800-411-6463 <lodestone-media.com> (Deals in New Audio Theater...**Ed Carr**, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, PA 19512 <edcarr@enter.net>...**Dan Riedstra**, 2830 North Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60618 <daniel.riedstra@wcom.com>... **Max Schmid**, 46-07 28th Ave. Floor 2, Astoria, NY 11103 <mschmid@rcn.com> <www.oldtimeradio.com>

All listings below list sampling of shows. **Vintage Broadcasts:** Vic and Sade; Hello Sucker; Double Play...**Great American Radio;** Suspense; Broadway is My Beat; Horizons West

LOGS: 85 page One Man's Family Log at Half Price: The "One Man's Family" Family Club, has announced that during February, March and April new members will be able to purchase an incredible 85 page log on OMF at half price (\$5 vs. \$10). The log is available only to members. Dr. H. Edwin Titus has poured years of research into this detailed and accurate work, including history, cast lists, sponsor and premium information and more-along with a truly amazing log of Books and Chapters of OMF. Contact Mike Sprague hrrmikes@aol.com web site www.omff.org

NEW ADDRESSES: Jack Sobel, 49 Willow St., #3A, Brooklyn, NY 11201

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: Terry Davies, 936 St. Patrick St., Victoria BC
Canada V8S 4X5

OLD FRIENDS: My brother Joe Hickerson is seeking two items from the old-time radio corpus. The first is a Fred Allen routine concerning a request to his insurance company for recompense for an accident involving transferring a load of bricks from an upper floor of a building to the ground, with numerous injuries in the process. Does anyone know what program this was one, and does anyone have a recording thereof?

Joe's other request is for a performance of "Kum Ba Yah" by a gospel group on Don McNeil's "Breakfast Club," perhaps in the late 1940s or early 1950s. Again, when did this occur, and does anyone have a recording?

Joe will be happy to reciprocate with any song search you would like to pose. Respond to Joe Hickerson, 43 Philadelphia Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912; 301/270-1107; jhick@starpower.net; www.joehickerson.com...Jack French, 5137 Richardson Dr, Fairfax, VA 22032 or OTRpiano@erols.com, is writing a book on radio's lady detectives. He needs additional data on following shows: Murder and Mrs. Chase, Hot Copy, Phyl Coe Mysteries, Helen Holden, and Susan Bright, Detective.

Don Fagans, 3 Redwood Dr., Clinton, NJ 08809 is looking for any tapes of "Lincoln Highway."

IN FOND MEMORY: Horace Lee Logan, Oct 13, 86; Founder of Louisiana Hayride...**Edward Bliss, Jr.** Nov 25, 90; news executive who set standards for writing and editing for CBS in the 1940's through 1960's...**Don Stanley**, Jan 22, 85; NBC announcer on West Coast...**Robert Rockwell**, Jan 25, 82; on Our Miss Brooks on radio and television...**Stan Martin**, Jan 28, 64; New York radio personality...**Cliff Norton**, Jan 25, 84; actor (Terry and the Pirates)...**Joy Hodges**, Jan 19, 88; singer and dancer (Joe Penner; Honeymoon in New York)...**Jerome Hines**, Feb 4, 41; metropolitan opera singer; often on radio...**Maurice Ellis**, Jan 25, 97; black radio actor who helped black actors get a foothold in radio drama; attended our convention once...**Larry LeSueur**, Feb 5, 93; CBS radio correspondent...**Robert St. John**, Feb 6, 100; Reporter and newscaster on NBC...**Vera Ralston**, Feb 9, 79; actress (One Lux R T)... **Joe Connelly**, Feb 13, 85; television writer and producer (wrote on radio for Edgar Bergen, Frank Morgan, Amos 'n' Andy)...**Stacy Keach, Sr.**, Feb 13, 88; actor and director (developed, produced and directed "Tales of the Texas Rangers") ...**Tom Glazer**, Feb 21, 88; Folk singer and songwriter (radio - Tom Glazer's Music Box)...**Anne Burr McDermott**, Feb 1, 84; actress (Backstage wife; Big Sister)...**Nadine Conner**, Mar 1, 96; lyric soprano with the Met. Sang with Bing Crosby and Gordon MacRae on radio...**Patricia Dunlap Zeller**, Feb 24, 91; Radio actress (Ma Perkins, the Smith Family, That Brewster Boy)...**Bill Carlisle**, Mar 17, 94; Star of Grand Ole Opry

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Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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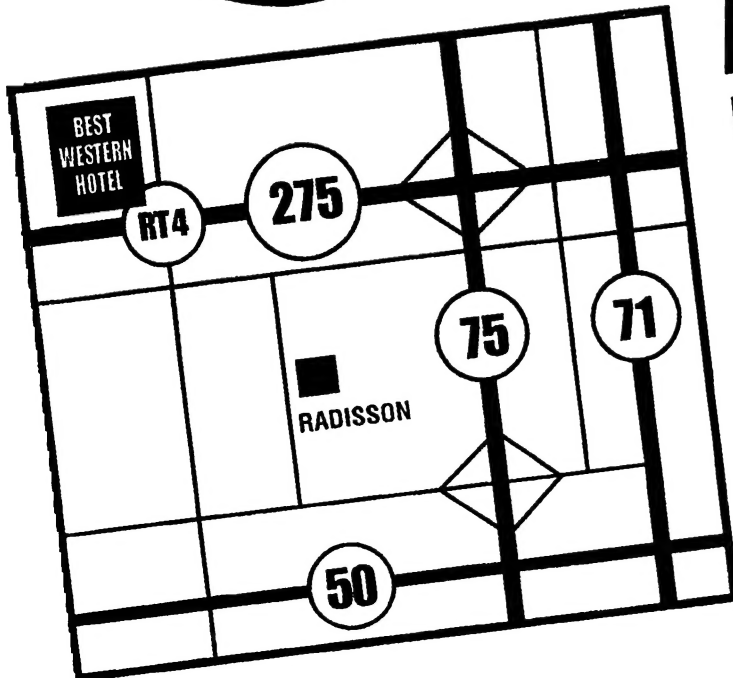
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